(b) While precise figures are not available, foreign nationals have been apprehended in Assam, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tripura, West Bengal and Union Territory of Delhi. Necessary measures including instructions to State Governments to use provisions of Foreigners Act have been taken.

(c) The matter is receiving due attention.

Closure of Islamia College for Women in J & K

930. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item under the caption "Islamia College Teacher Services Terminated" which appeared in the Kashmir Times of the 26th March, 1992;

(b) whether it is a fact that school known as Islamia College for Women has been closed down on the 5th June, 1991 and Government want to reopen the college under its control; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the above school has not been reopened so far with the result that over 400 students and the teaching staff are suffering?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) The Government of J & K have inforced that Islamia College for Women, Sopore is a private institution governed by Anjuman-E-Moinul Islam and that the institution has received its due Grants-in-Aid according to the prescribed rules upto February 1992. The State Government have no intimation about the termination of services of the Staff by the College Management, which is their internal matter and the State Government generally does not interfere in the internal functioning of the Institution.

Threat of mass immolation by Stipendiary Engineers in J & K

931. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item under the caption "Stipendiary Engineers threaten stir" which appeared in the Kashmir Times of the 26th March, 1992 saying that 300 out of 1000 unemployed stipendiary Engineers are proposed to be absorbed and therefore, they have threatened to go on mass immolation; and

(b) since when the said Engineers are unemployed, districtwise and the reasons for which they have not been absorbed so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) The Government of Jammu & Kashmir have informed that a total of 1297 Stipendiary engineers who had passed their Diploma/Degree examinations since 1973 were being paid stipend. The districtwise breakup is as under:

(a) *Kashmir Division*	
(i) Srinagar	372
(ii) Badgam	65
(iii) Baramulla	95
(iv) Kupwara	28
(v) Anantnag	51
(vi) Pulwama	61
(vii) Leh	2
(viii) Kargil	6
(b) *Jammu Division*	
(i) Jammu	382
(ii) Kathua	46
(iii) Udhampur	63
(iv) Rajouri	21
(v) Poonch	27
(vi) Doda	78
	1,297

The Government of J & K have further informed that the progress in absorption of the stipendiary engineers in the State Government as regular Junior Engineers has depended upon the availability of the adequate number of posts. However, in 1988, their monthly stipend had been fixed at Rs. 1620 for Degree Holder and Rs. 1300 for Diploma Holder.

Job Reservation for persons belonging to Minorities

932. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that 25 per cent of jobs have been reserved for persons belonging to minorities by the Government of Assam;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government was consulted in this regard;

(c) if so, the details of advice given; and

(d) whether such reservation is also proposed to be given in other parts of the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Illegal detention in Tihar Jail

933. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in Indian Express dated the 3rd April, 1992 under the caption "Tihar Jail only one illegal detention, Mr. Jacob" wherein cases of several detenus in Tihar Jail. Delhi has been cited; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Smuggling of essential commodities from West Bengal to Bangladesh

934. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the large scale smuggling of essential commodities from West Bengal to Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the number of such cases detected during the last six months; and

(c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken to stop such activities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) The Government are aware of smuggling of essential commodities from West Bengal to Bangladesh. 2416 cases were detected by the Border Security Force during the period from September, 1991 up to February, 1992.

(c) All feasible efforts are being made by the Border Security Force to check smuggling. The Government of West Bengal have issued certain instructions to the District Officers of the border districts to check the smuggling activities including restricting issue of wholesales licence/permit/registration certificate for dealing in essential commodities controlled by the State Government within 8 km. belt along the border, enforcement of prohibitory orders under the Essential Commodities Act, conducting raids, promulgating prohibitory orders under Section 144 Cr. P. C. in border areas, discontinuing unauthorised markets and hats in the border areas etc.